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TOPIC Military Activities in Weimar

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1. On 29 June 1955, the barracks installations in Weimar were occupied as follows:

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the Flak Kaserne (8501) by 200 to 300 soldiers employed in guard and interior duties; 1

the Nachrichten Kaserne (8504) by some 80 soldiers employed exclusively in guard duty; 2

the Panzer Kaserne (8507) by about 50 soldiers employed exclusively in guard duty; 3

the Luetzendorf Kaserne (8503) by 400 to 450 soldiers including 150 soldiers of the motor transport unit; 4 and

the Tannenberg Kaserne (8502) by 200 to 300 soldiers employed in interior duties. 5

2. On 23 June, a troop train passed through Weimar en route from west to east. The train, which was attached to a regular freight train, carried 16 T-34/85 tanks and, on 4 boxcars, a total of 100 soldiers and equipment. 6

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3. Between 13 and 30 June, the Weimar installations were occupied as follows:

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the Flak Kaserne as previously by 700 to 800 soldiers; 1

the Tannenberg Kaserne, east section, by a guard detail of 30 to 40 soldiers and, west section, by 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets; 5

the Luetzendorf Kaserne, east section, as previously by 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and the central section by a guard detail of 40 to 50 soldiers; 4 and

the Nachrichten Kaserne as previously by 600 to 700 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets. 2

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The Nohra Fliegerhorst (8401/8402) was occupied as previously by approximately 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. 100

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soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets and 100 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The former Erziehungsheim was also occupied as previously by 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.⁷

4. On 15 June, 50 to 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets conducted a signal exercise in the Ettersberg post training area.⁸

1. Comment. The Flak Kaserne is believed to be occupied by the 15th AAA Div, the bulk of which was apparently absent from the post.

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2. Comment. The Nachrichten Kaserne is believed to be occupied by the 91st Sig Regt. The information that the regiment was absent from the post appears more credible.

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3. Comment. The installation is believed to be occupied by the 446th Sig Bn of the Eighth Gds Army.

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4. Comment. The bulk of the 65th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div from the Luetzendorf and Tannenberg Kasernes is believed to be stationed at the Ohrdruf training grounds.

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5. Comment. The Tannenberg Kaserne, which is believed to quarter units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div, is occupied only by rear details, while all components of the 257th Motor Trans Bn of the army apparently remained at the post.

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6. Comment. According to the tank turret the shipment involved units of the 20th Gds Mecz Div which presumably returned to Jena from the Ohrdruf training grounds.

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7. Comment. The Nohra Fliegerhorst and the former Erziehungsheim are occupied by the Hq Eighth Gds Army.

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8. Comment. The Ettersberg training area has already previously been utilized for signal practices.

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